

the surface of the tubular foodstuff casings based on cellulose hydrate and then inactivating this cellulase permanently.

6. (Amended) A tubular foodstuff casing based on cellulose hydrate, the surface of which is modified by the time-limited action of at least one cellulase.

10. (Amended) The tubular shaped article as claimed in claim 9, produced according to a process which comprises:

subjecting the article of claim 9 to the action of a fungicidal solution and/or a release or adhesive preparation.

11. (Twice Amended) The tubular shaped article as claimed in claim 9, which is reinforced with a fiber nonwoven.

Please add the following new claims:

17. (New) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tubular foodstuff casings based on cellulose hydrate are produced by the viscose or amine oxide process and wherein the cellulase acts on the shaped articles while the cellulose is still in the gel state.

18. (New) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tubular foodstuff casings based on cellulose hydrate are produced by the viscose or amine oxide process and wherein the cellulase acts on the shaped articles after the cellulose has been regenerated and dried.

19. (New) A process according to claim 1, further comprising:

producing said tubular foodstuff casings by a viscose or amine oxide process;

wherein the step of allowing comprises allowing cellulase to act on the shaped article while the cellulose is in a gel state.

20. (New) A process according to claim 1, further comprising:

producing said tubular foodstuff casings by a viscose or amine oxide process;

regenerating the cellulose; and

drying the cellulose;

wherein said ~~allowing~~ comprises allowing cellulase to act on the shaped article after the steps of regenerating and drying.

21. (New) The tubular shaped article as claimed in claim 9, wherein said article comprises hemp fibers.

22. (New) A tubular foodstuff casing according to claim 6, wherein the casing exhibits uniform adherence to fillings during frying.

23. (New) A tubular foodstuff casing according to claim 6, wherein the casing can be peeled away from a filling without destroying the casing.